Statements on settlment of Harper's suit NYTimes 1/17/67:

Kennedy's

"A spokesman for the family said that ' in retrospect, the whole agreement to have this book was a mistakeXXX In 1964, however, it seemed like a good idea'."

From the official statement:
Of the tapes, "It was understood that all such tapes were to be deposited in the Kennedy Library to be made available to future historieans at a time designated by the persons interviewed. There are 300 such tapes already on deposit..."

"Mr. Manchester's book was not to be a commercial enterprise. Mr. Manchester publicly acknowledged this..."

"...nor were the tapes of their (Bobbie and Jackie) interviews with Mr. Manchester ever turned over to the library."

"No member of the Kennedy family supervised or directed his work in any way, nor did they discuss the book with him. He was completely on his own."

Reference to "personal passages and inaccuracies"

About the suit, at the very end, just before filing, "Even then there was hesitation, For we all knew how difficult would be the storm that was sure to come. A controversy, however, would end, while the published material would live forever. We also knew that some fo the material might be printed in any event; but it would be transitory and fragmented, and, at least, lack the seeming acquiescence of the family of President John Kennedy. And so the lawsuit was brought. ... settled... The recorded interviews will be deposited in the Kennedy Library.....Thus it is important to note that on the title page of each copy of the book published in the United States or abroad there will appear the following words:

'Harper & Row wishes to make it clear that neither Mrs. John F. Kennedy nor Senator Robert Kennedy has in any way approved of or endorsed the material appearing in this book. The author, William Manchester, and the publishers assume complete and sole responsibility'."